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Title: NON-IMPACT KEYLESS CHUCK)

**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
REFERENCE TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3), Applicant respectfully requests that insertion of reference to the parent applications to the present application be accepted. In the transmittal cover sheet of the present application (copy enclosed), Applicant noted that the present application is a continuing application of prior application 09/570,427. Insertion of reference to all parent applications into the specification, however, was delayed until the amendment to which this Petition is attached.

The undersigned attorney, who is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office respectfully verifies that the entire delay from the date the claim was due under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2) to the date of the present Petition was completely inadvertent and unintentional and in no way was meant to gain an unfair advantage in the

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application. A Petition fee of \$1,280.00 as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(t) is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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